



## H.Res. 1224 - Commending the Tennessee Valley Authority on its 75th anniversary

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1224 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Robert E. Cramer (D-AL) on May 22, 2008. This legislation was reported, as amended, by voice vote from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.Res. 1224 is expected to be considered on the floor on September 26, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 1224 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Commends the Tennessee Valley Authority on its 75th anniversary;
- Recognizes the Tennessee Valley Authority for its long and proud history of service in the areas of energy, the environment, and economic development in a service area that includes 7 States;
- Honors the Board of Directors, retirees, staff, and supporters of the Tennessee Valley Authority who were instrumental during the Tennessee Valley Authority's first 75 years; and
- Directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Board of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Bill Sansom, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Tom Kilgore, for appropriate display.

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### BACKGROUND

The Tennessee Valley Authority Act (TVA) was signed into law on May 18, 1933 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Tennessee Valley Authority was created by Congress to improve navigation along the Tennessee River, reduce the risk of flood damage, provide electric power, and promote agricultural and industrial development in the region. At the time the area was hit especially hard due to over farming.

The TVA taught farmers in the area how to use fertilizer, improve crop yields and helped to replant forests. The electricity brought in by the TVA was always used to bring industries into the region which helped to greatly improve the areas economy.

During World War II the TVA built hydro powered dams which helped to generate electricity needed to build planes and bombs; by 1942 there were 12 dams in the area.

In modern times the TVA has re-evaluated the Tennessee Valley and has come up with several plans designed to further improve the region by using green technology and reducing pollutants. It has achieved 99.99% reliability for five years in a row.

For more information on the TVA please visit: <http://www.tva.com/abouttva/history.htm>

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